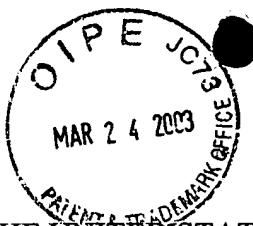


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YOSHIHIRO ISHIBE

Application No.: 09/774,125

Filed: January 31, 2001

For: LIGHT SCANNING OPTICAL
SYSTEM, OPTICAL SCANNING
APPARATUS AND IMAGE
FORMING APPARATUS
USING THE SAME

Examiner: J. Phan

Group Art Unit: 2872

March 21, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT¹

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended to Monday, March 24, 2003, by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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¹This Amendment has been prepared in the revised amendment format set forth in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."